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SENATE BILL NO. 442

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-305.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the composition of and appointments to the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.*

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 22.1-305.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 22.1-305.2. Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure.

A. There is hereby established, *as an advisory board within the executive branch of state government*, the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure which shall consist of nineteen members to be appointed by *for the purpose of assisting* the Board of Education. Ten members of the Advisory Board shall be classroom teachers, with at least the following representation: three elementary school teachers, three middle school teachers, and three high school teachers. Three members of the Advisory Board shall be school administrators, one of whom shall be a school principal, one of whom shall be a division superintendent, and one of whom shall be a school personnel administrator. Two members of the Advisory Board shall be faculty members in teacher preparation programs in public or private institutions of higher education, who may represent the arts and sciences. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a school board. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a member of a parent-teacher association. One member of the Advisory Board shall be a representative of the business community and one member shall be a citizen at large. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee and the Director of the State Council of Higher Education or his designee and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System or his designee shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the Advisory Board.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall designate a staff liaison to coordinate the activities of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall meet five times per year or upon the request of its chairman or the Board of Education. The Advisory Board shall annually elect a chairman from its membership. The members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation; however, the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Advisory Board shall be reimbursed by the Department of Education.

The members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed for three-year terms. However, the incumbent members of the Teacher Education Advisory Board serving on July 1, 1990, shall be appointed to serve as initial members of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure for the duration of the terms for which they were originally appointed. Upon the expiration of the terms of these incumbent members, the members appointed to replace them shall serve for three-year terms. No person may be appointed to serve for more than two consecutive terms. Those serving as incumbent members on July 1, 1990, shall be eligible to be reappointed to serve for one additional term. Members shall hold office after expiration of their terms until their successors are duly appointed. *with matters pertaining to teacher education and licensure in the Commonwealth.*

B. The Advisory Board shall have a total membership of 23 that shall consist of 20 nonlegislative citizen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, and three ex officio members. Nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed as follows: three elementary school teachers, three middle school teachers, three high school teachers; one division superintendent, one school principal, and one school personnel administrator; one faculty member of a public institution of higher education with expertise in teacher education; one faculty member of a private institution of higher education with expertise in teacher education; one faculty member of the executive board of the Association of Teacher Educators-Virginia; one faculty member of the executive board of the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; one member of the Virginia Education Association; one member of a local school board; one member of a local parent-teacher association; and one representative of the business community. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Executive Director of the State Council of Higher Education, and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, or their designees, shall serve ex officio without voting privileges. Nonlegislative citizen members of the Advisory Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Ex officio members of the Advisory Board shall serve terms coincident with their terms of office. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms.

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59 *Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be*
60 *reappointed. After the initial staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a*
61 *term of four years.*

62 *No nonlegislative citizen member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. The*
63 *remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in*
64 *determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.*

65 *The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A*
66 *majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The meetings of the Advisory Board shall be held at*
67 *the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.*

68 *C. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation. Funding for the costs of*
69 *reimbursement of expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Education.*

70 *D. The Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure shall advise the Board of Education and*
71 *submit recommendations on policies applicable to the qualifications, examination, licensure, and*
72 *regulation of school personnel including revocation, suspension, denial, cancellation, reinstatement, and*
73 *renewals of licensure, fees for processing applications, standards for the approval of preparation*
74 *programs, reciprocal approval of preparation programs, and other related matters as the Board of*
75 *Education may request or the Advisory Board may deem necessary. The final authority for licensure of*
76 *school personnel shall remain with the Board of Education.*

77 *E. The Advisory Board shall also submit an annual report to the Board of Education, which shall*
78 *transmit the report to the Governor and the General Assembly for publication as a report document as*
79 *provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of*
80 *legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly*
81 *an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Advisory Board no later than the*
82 *first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted as*
83 *a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for*
84 *the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's*
85 *website.*

86 *F. The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the Advisory Board. All agencies of*
87 *the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Advisory Board, upon request.*

88 **2. That the members currently serving on the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and**
89 **Certification shall continue to serve until the expiration of their respective terms. However,**
90 **vacancies shall be filled in accordance with subsection B of § 22.1-305.2.**

91 **3. That initial appointments of nonlegislative citizen members shall be staggered as follows: five**
92 **classroom teachers and two school administrators for a term of four years; four classroom**
93 **teachers, one school administrator, two faculty members, and one school board member for a term**
94 **of three years; two faculty members, one member of a local parent-teacher association, and one**
95 **representative of the business community for a term of two years; and one member of the Virginia**
96 **Education Association for a term of one year, appointed by the Governor. After the initial**
97 **staggering of terms, nonlegislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years.**